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1. General Chuikov inspected the newly developed motor vehicles intended for use by the Kasernierte Volkspolizei in Karlshorst. Previous to his inspection the vehicles were seen by other high-ranking Russian officers, names unknown, but they included two generals, two colonels and two lieutenant colonels. the vehicles were inspected in Lichtenberg by an artillery general and Major General Hans Wulz. At this earlier inspection, the vehicles' ammunition carrying capacity was tested.

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2. Results of the inspection of the vehicles were as follows:

a. PKW - P2:

A cross-country "Kuebelsitz" (i.e., light multiple purpose car) car of 60 H.P. This vehicle has not been tested mechanically as yet, but the outward appearance was approved. Tests will be carried out in the near future.

b. LKW Phaenomen, Granit 30K/D3g:

Three models were exhibited:

- (1) A short wheel-base vehicle intended primarily for the towing of artillery, with seating capacity for 8 persons.
- (2) A medium wheel-base, platform truck (Pritschenaufbau)
- (3) A long wheel-base vehicle for troop carrying.

The vehicles were classed as "good" at the inspection, and the air-cooled engine approved. However, the following instructions were given:

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- (a) The short wheel-base vehicle is not to go into production, because it does not provide sufficient carrying space for ammunition.
- (b) The medium wheel-base vehicle is to be produced for towing light artillery, but it is to be 25 cms wider to carry more ammunition and to be fitted with the superstructure of the vehicle listed above, to provide accommodation for at least 22 persons.
- (c) The long wheel-base vehicle to be used purely as a personnel carrier. Attempts will be made to fit the Phaenomen with an air-cooled Diesel engine.

c. LKW. G5:

Several G5s, each with a different body, were shown. Basically the LKW was considered "good", but for the 1954 series, efforts must be made to reduce its weight and to lower the bodywork by 100-120 mms. Attempts to install an air-cooled engine will be made. In addition, attempts are to be made to increase the range to 800 km by the addition of extra fuel tanks.

- (1) The G5 will be used as a towing vehicle for medium artillery. A capstan which is not yet fitted will be added later.
- (2) The G5 with closed coachwork is considered very suitable as a "staff" bus.
- (3) The G5 with closed bodywork is most suitable as a mobile workshop for vehicles and artillery repairs.
- (4) The G5, with trailer, is considered suitable as a "tanker" for refuelling of vehicles, but with the next series, attempts must be made to install a pump for quicker refuelling and to increase the oil carrying capacity by 3-10%.
- (5) The G5, used as a Pionierwagen¹, can serve to carry pontoons. To facilitate loading, a winch and pulley will be added.

1. Comment. Combat engineer vehicle.

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